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NATIONAL DEEP SEA FISHING POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the features of National Deep Sea Fishing Policy;

(b) whether the Government has provided subsidy for development of deep water sea fishing; and

(c) if so, the details and criteria thereof during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): The National Deep Sea Fishing Policy is enshrined in the Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy announced by the Union Government during 2004. The main features of the Policy are: (i) access to fishing vessels beyond territorial waters will be regulated, (ii) only resource specific fishing will be allowed, (iii) the number of fishing vessels that could be permitted during the coming five years is worked out and put in public domain, (iv) fully Indian owned companies and joint venture companies with at least 51 per cent Indian equity alone will be given permission for deep sea fishing, (v) an Inter-ministerial Empowered Committee would oversee Deep Sea Fishing development in the country.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The government has provided subsidy for conversion of deep-sea trawlers into monofilament long liners. 50% of the cost of conversion of existing trawlers for monofilament long lining for tuna with a ceiling of Rs.15 lakhs per vessel is granted as a back-ended subsidy through a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of marine fisheries. The programme is implemented through Fishery Survey of India. Four vessels were granted a subsidy of Rs.53.2 lakhs during 2004-2005 and two vessels were granted Rs.27.2 lakhs during 2005-2006. The above subsidy is not released state-wise since deep sea fishing vessels are registered under the Director General of Shipping.